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Emergency and reconstruction assistance to Haiti, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and other countries affected by Hurricane Tomas

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/22 A of 2 December 1994, 54/219 of 22 December 1999, 61/200 of 20 December 2006, 62/192 of 19 December 2007, 63/216 and 63/217 of 19 December 2008, and 64/200 of 21 December 2009,

Recalling also the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations",[1]

Deeply regretting the number of persons killed, missing and negatively affected as a result of Hurricane Tomas, which struck Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on 30 and 31 October and Haiti on 5 and 6 November 2010,

Deeply concerned at the tremendous damage caused by Hurricane Tomas to crops, homes, basic infrastructure, tourist and other areas and the economies of Haiti, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and other affected countries, which could adversely affect the economic and social development plans of those countries,

[1] A/65/82-E/2010/88.

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Deeply concerned also about the vulnerability of Haitians who are still living in camps for internally displaced people and informal settlements in the wake of the earthquake of January 2010 and who are subject to increased cholera infections in the aftermath of flooding caused by Hurricane Tomas,

Disturbed by the devastation to the agricultural sectors of Haiti, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, in particular to the banana, tree crop and vegetable sectors and to livestock, caused by Hurricane Tomas, the short-term impact of the hurricane on the livelihoods of farmers and the medium-term impact on national economies resulting from the loss of revenue from agricultural exports,

Conscious that the Caribbean countries are vulnerable to cyclical weather patterns and prone to natural hazards because of their geographical location, features and small size, which impose additional challenges on their ability to achieve the Millennium Development Goals,

Noting with concern the loss of life, infrastructure damage and adverse developmental impacts caused by tropical storms and hurricanes, active and longer Atlantic hurricane seasons and the extreme vulnerability of the Caribbean region to such events,

Aware of the efforts of the Governments and peoples of Haiti, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and other affected countries to save lives and alleviate the suffering of the victims of Hurricane Tomas,

Bearing in mind the enormous effort that will be required to ameliorate the serious situation caused by this natural disaster,

Welcoming the prompt response of the international community, the United Nations system, regional organizations, international agencies, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and non-governmental organizations in providing relief to the affected populations,

Recognizing also that the magnitude of the disaster and its medium- and long-term effects will require, as a complement to the efforts already being made by the Governments and peoples of Haiti, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and other affected countries, a demonstration of international solidarity and humanitarian concern to ensure more broad-based and adequate multilateral cooperation in order to meet the immediate emergency situation in the affected areas and initiate the process of reconstruction,

1. *Expresses its solidarity and support* to the Governments and peoples of Haiti, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and other affected countries;

2. *Expresses its gratitude* to the international community, the United Nations system, regional organizations, international agencies, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and non-governmental organizations that have provided emergency relief to the affected countries;

3. *Appeals* to all Member States and all organs and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as international financial institutions and development agencies, to provide speedy support for the relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and assistance effort for Haiti, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and other affected countries;

4. *Encourages* the Governments of Haiti, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and other affected countries, in conjunction with relevant partners, to develop further strategies aimed at preventing and mitigating natural disasters, in accordance with the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General and all organs and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as international financial institutions and development agencies, to assist Haiti, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and other affected countries, to the extent possible, through continued effective humanitarian, technical and financial assistance that contributes to overcoming the emergency and achieving the rehabilitation and recovery of the economy and the affected population and through reconstruction and disaster risk reduction efforts that take into consideration the impact of climate change, in conformity with the priorities identified at the national level.